

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 12-15 and 17-22 were pending in the application.

Claims 15, 21 and 22 have been rejected.

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 12-14 and 17-20 have been allowed.

Claims 2, 18 and 20 have been amended as set forth herein.

Claims 15, 21 and 22 have been canceled.

Claims 23-28 have been added.

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 12-14, 17-20 and 23-28 are now pending in this application.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 12-14 and 17-20.

II. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 15, 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. In response, the Applicant has cancelled Claims 15, 21 and 22.

III. NEW CLAIMS

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter new Claims 23-28. The Applicant submits that Claims 23-28 are supported by the Specification and introduce no new matter. Claims 23-28 are patentable at least due to their dependence from allowable base claims.

CONCLUSION

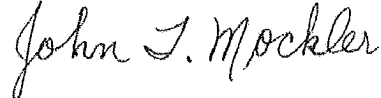
As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant asserts that the remaining Claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early allowance of such Claims.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *jmockler@munckcarter.com*.

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